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RE: Patent Application

Dear Dr. Harris:

Enclosed is a draft of the patent application Synergen will be filing on Thursday, May 19. A few questions for you appear throughout the text. In addition to answering those questions, please review all of the examples carefully to ensure they are accurate and detailed enough to teach someone skilled in the art to practice the invention.

As you know, you have an obligation to disclose the best mode of practicing each claimed invention known to you at the time of filing. Make sure the draft describes the best syntheses currently known by you of the various linkers and dumbbells and the best purification methods for the various dumbbells. The syntheses of maleimide and of dumbbells described in our earlier PCT application is attached. If you have a better route, please provide me with a written description as well as formulas, if necessary, so I can include it.

If you have questions, feel free to call me at (303) 541-1380.

Sincerely,

SYNERGEN, INC.

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